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Please add Jamie's SSFL to mine.

Gold King Mine: ATSDR Region 9 Staff are coordinating with EPA Region 9, ATSDR and HHS through conference calls and emails. EPA Region 9 has deployed resources and OSCs and is currently focused on a stretch of the San Juan River extending from Farmington, NM to Mexican Hat, UT. R9 is conducting surface water sampling and sediment sampling along the San Juan River in the Navajo Nation at 11 monitoring sites, providing/assessing drinking water and ag water, coordinating with Regions 6 & 8 and the Navajo nation, and providing community outreach. Additional information is provided in the daily sit reports. ATSDR Region 9 staff are attending the EPA Region 9 RRT conference call, the EPA Environmental Unit Toxicology conference call, and ATSDR internal update calls. We are aware of a potential request to provide assistance to EPA in the field to assist Navajo Nation with health messaging and risk communication. We anticipate many hours of continued response and coordination activities to continue next week. We are also providing updates and coordination with the HHS Regional Office and Region 9 ASPER.

Santa Susanna Field Laboratory (Ventura County, CA): Rep Vianu received a request for a copy of the petition and petition response letter from a member of the Physicians for Social Responsibility and was told that the request would have to go through the FOIA process. The requester did not like this answer and sent an email to the regional office and copied many elected officials about having to go through the FOIA process and made the insinuation that ATSDR had something to hide. The issue was then brought to OGC for comment and it was determined that the documents could be released by the Regional office as long as they are properly redacted. The DTSC public meeting date has been changed and is now tentatively scheduled for some time this fiscal year. The Key Messages/Talking Points, and Q&A are in eClearance. We are in the process of sending out email communications to the other stakeholders which include State and locally elected officials, and other Federal, state, county and local offices. Due to travel budget constraints, only one Regional person will be attending the upcoming DTSC meeting. The site visit has been moved to next fiscal year. Next site team meeting is scheduled for Wednesday (8/19).

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